

Musical Convention at Herndon.

Mrs. Tandy Mason's musical term at Herndon closed Friday with a concert, and although the clouds indicated rain, the hall, beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens and gracefully draped in our national colors, was well filled with an appreciative audience.

Among the well selected features of the evening we cannot refrain from the mention of "Bright Angels," a worthy song by six little maidens, and the instrumental solos and duet, played by the little folks, were beautiful and showed thorough training. "The Gypsy Operetta," "The New Woman," and "Red, White and Blue" Tam-bourine Drill, are worthy of special mention as the participants acquitted themselves with much credit.

Miss Sarah M. Syper, whose finely cultured voice has been so highly complimented by the music circles of Clarksville, favored us with the rendition of "Dream Song" by Miss Eva B. Smith and proved herself a charming vocalist.

Miss Barbara Adcocks, of Christian county, who is accomplished in instrumental music, also added much to enjoyment of the evening.

In addition to the lengthy program the Knight-Reeves Band discoursed sweet streams of music.

By special request Mrs. Mason recited in her usual pleasing manner.

Mrs. Mason is one of our home talent women and has made a specialty of music and elocution. This cultured lady is well known among us and it is needless to speak of her superior ability and high literary attainments. Her pupils advance rapidly and are thoroughly taught. Patrons cannot fail to appreciate her efforts. It is hoped Mrs. Mason will repeat this concert at an early date. The small admission fee is to be donated to the church organ funds.

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Hopkinsville Produce Market.

Cash prices paid by Hopkinsville merchants:

Bacon—
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Shoulders 4@5c
Sides 5@7c
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Butter 15@17c
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Beeswax 18@21c
Tallow 2c
Ginseng, per lb. \$2@2.25
Honey 10c
Tub-washed wool 26c
Greased 13@18c

Poultry—
Y. chickens, live, per lb. 8c
Roosters 2c

Grain—
Clover, per bushel \$3
Corn 45c
Wheat 75c
Corn, shelled 50c

Live stock—
Hogs \$3@3.50
Sheep \$2.50@3.50
Cattle \$2.50@4
Calves \$3.50@4

Hides and Furs—
Green hides 6@7c
Green salted hides 7c
Dry flint 10@12c

Vegetables—
New potatoes, per bushel 60c
Cabbage, per head 2@6c

Watermelons—
Florida 35@50c

Flour, Retail—
Patent, per bbl \$5.75
Standard, per bbl \$5.50

Hay—
Clover, per cwt 55c
Good Timothy 70c

Mariano Salva, the young man who shot Gen. Blanco, is a native Cuban volunteer 27 years old. He is under arrest and will doubtless be executed as soon as Gen. Blanco is well enough to dispose of the case.

Long Telegraph Circuit.

The most widely separated points between which a telegram can be sent are British Columbia and New Zealand. The telegram would cross North America, Newfoundland, the Atlantic, Britain, Germany, Russia (European and Asiatic), China, Japan, Java and Australia. It would make nearly a circuit of the globe and would travel over 20,000 miles in doing so.

Mr. Sack Ledford, of Pee Dee, spent the day in the city.

BUILT OF MARBLE.

A Boom Town in Canada That is Now Deserted.

"I was assistant engineer on the Ontario & Quebec railroad, a branch of the Canadian Pacific railway," said an engineer in Tacoma, "and in running our preliminary lines one of them touched Bridgewater, Ontario, a deserted town that was the personification of Oliver Goldsmith's 'Deserted Village.' Bridgewater was brought into existence by one of the strangest gold finds and crazes in the history of this continent.

"Nearly 25 years ago a farmer's wife was searching the woods surrounding their farm for a sow that had strayed, and, becoming thirsty, stopped to get a drink from the spring. Slipping she fell against a small, loose rock, which rolled to her feet, and which proved to be a twenty-pound nugget of almost pure gold. Bridgewater at that time was almost 40 miles from the nearest railroad, and the present site of the town was nothing but a wilderness, but the effect of that accidental find of the farmer's wife was such that inside of six months what had been a burned over barren wilderness was converted into a substantial city of nearly 5,000 people.

"In digging a shaft about a mile south of the town site, on the claim of Billia Flint, a life senator of Canada, an immense quarry of the purest white marble was discovered, and, at the suggestion of the senator, the town of Bridgeport was practically built of marble, for it has to-day the only hotel, church, school, courthouse and private dwellings constructed entirely of white marble in the world, and a mile north of the town are an abandoned saw factory and grist mill whose foundations are built of the same beautiful material.

"During the building of the town thousands of men prospected the entire country, and shafts and tunnels were driven—some of them nearly 100 feet, but, strange as it may seem, there was never enough gold found to pay the cost of a single shaft or tunnel sunk or run in the entire district. So excited did the farmers around Bridgewater become that some of them actually hired guards to keep them from going on their land to pick up gold. Pat Kehoe, an old Irishman, who owned 100 acres of rock-strewn, barren land, was offered \$125,000 for his holding, but held out for \$150,000. To-day you could buy the property for probably \$150.

"One rancher, whose farm adjoined 'Aladdin's Cave,' the place where the original nugget was found, sold five acres to an English syndicate for \$100,000, and it is an established fact that the syndicate spent as much more developing their claim, as everything was very costly, all material having to be hauled nearly 50 miles, over rough roads, and they did not get a single ounce of free gold out of their purchase, but they mined some quartz—about 100 tons—shipped it to the states, and, in return, got a bill from the smelting company for \$360 for smelting charges over and above the gold in the quartz. This was the first, and I believe the last, shipment of quartz ever made, as the cost of hauling, shipping and smelting was \$150 a ton more than the rock produced."—Portland Oregonian.

A GERMAN WOMAN'S RIGHTS.

At Her Marriage She Gives Up Her Whole Independence.

Germany and Japan are the only civilized countries at the present day where the rights of women are restricted. In all civilized communities, everyone is supposed to have rights, but, nevertheless, in these two countries the legal rights of women are hard to find.

In Germany a woman cannot control property, or, indeed, her own actions, for whatever property she has acquired in any way belongs to her father, her husband or her son, and the law requires that she should obey their orders. When a German woman marries she gives up the whole of her independence, if she can ever be said to have any, and confers on her husband absolute power over her. He can compel her to work and do anything which it is lawful for women to do, and she has no relief or protection, should he prove harsh and unkind, except public opinion. Whatever property she has at her marriage becomes absolutely her husband's and forever. He has power to dispose of it exactly as he sees fit, even in the face of her opposition, and in case of the couple being divorced, the woman's property still remains with the husband. Some of the English and American girls who have married German nobles have afterwards learned to their sorrow how different the laws regarding women and women's property are in the Fatherland from what they are in their own countries. German women, as a rule, however, seem contented in spite of antiquated laws.

Wear Spurs with Full Dress.

The officers of the Swedish navy are considered military officers, and in full dress must wear spurs.

A HIDEOUS RELIGION.

Loathsome Spectacle Presented by the Fakirs, the So-Called Holy Men of Hindooism.

The holiest place in all Bombay is the "tank." It is to the natives a sanctuary, to it pilgrims go, near it numbers of fakirs sit, covered with filth and ashes, in the hot sun. Miss Guinness, editor of a London paper, Regions Beyond, after a brief description of the appearance of these fakirs, "looking almost more like beasts than men," indulges in the following reflections:

"This is Hindooism, hoary Hindooism, 3,000 years old, and ruling to-day more than 200,000,000 men and women. The spectacle before us is the outcome of her teachings. To their minds existence is an evil; emancipation from it in this life, and in countless future lives,



AN INDIAN ASCETIC.
(He Has Held Up His Hands Until They Have Become Rigid.)

is the one hope. Detach yourself from earth; go without clothes; have no home, no friends, no people; do no work; take no interest in anything at all; enjoy nothing, feel nothing, hope for nothing. Detach yourself—to do this, suffer pain, sleep on spikes, starve yourself, or eat carrion and nameless abominations; hold your arms up till they wither and the nails grow through the hand; do anything and everything to get rid of your supreme curse—conscious existence. Think for one moment of what it would mean to you to believe that every living thing on the face of the earth was the body of some soul—birds, beasts, insects, reptiles, men—all alike soulhouses; and that human souls were ceaselessly shifting through countless lives, and must forever shift among these, according to their merits or demerits? Transmigration we call it and dismiss the idea with a word. Think of the burden of it, the endless, restless, weary round, from which there is no escape; the inexorable sentence, from which there is no appeal, consigning you to groveling reptile life or loathsome being. You may be born to-morrow a leper, an idiot, a murderer, anything—Karma, your fate, determines what it shall be, and your fate depends entirely on your merits. There is no pity anywhere, there is no forgiveness. Trouble comes to you to-day? Ah, you earned it yesterday, back in your last body. Then you sinned, now you are punished. This theory apparently explains everything so satisfactorily—all the crookedness and inequalities of life, all the strange chances of destiny. But it is so hard, so hopeless. Eighty-six million times you will be born and reborn, to suffer, live and die.

"What more natural than to wish to shorten the period? Become a devotee, perhaps even a fakir. By so doing you detach yourself. You gradually escape reincarnation. You stand a faint and far-off chance of sooner finding rest—the oblivion of Nirvana—not to be."

WILLIAM R. SHAFTER.

Commander of the Santiago de Cuba Expedition Is a Michigan Man by Birth.

Maj. Gen. William R. Shafter, who, with Maj. Gen. Coppinger, goes to Santiago de Cuba with a force of 25,000 men to help the navy, is a Michigan man by birth, and has been in the army since the civil war, with the exception



GEN. WILLIAM R. SHAFTER.
(In Command of the Army Expedition to Santiago de Cuba.)

of a brief period he spent in farming. Gen. Shafter is 63 years old. He entered the army as a Michigan volunteer, and rose to the rank of Lieutenant colonel. His gallantry won him the brevet of a brigadier general. He was recalled to the service in 1886, and in May, 1897, he became a brigadier general of the regular army. He was recently elevated to his present rank, and when the mobilization of troops began was assigned to the command at New Orleans. When he was a colonel Gen. Shafter was for some time in command of the famous Presidio reservation in San Francisco. It is expected Gen. Shafter will distinguish himself in Cuba.

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